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SUBJECT: CHRISTIAN PROTEST ACTIVITY

1. PRESS AND RADIO HAVE REPORTED DECEMBER 16 STREET DEMONSTRATION BY ABOUT 200 CHRISTIAN YOUTH FOLLOWING SPECIAL AFTERNOON MASS AT MYONGDONG CATHOLIC CATHDRAL ON THE THEME "HOPE FOR YOUTH". DEONSTRATORS CARRIED SIGNS URGING AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION, END OF "HUMILIATING" DIPLOMACY TOWARDS JAPAN, AND BOYCOTT OF JAPANESE GOOS. REPORTEDLY, TWO HUNDRED OR MORE YOUTHFUL BYSTANDERS JOINED DEMONSTRATORS. GROUP CONFRONTED POLICE AND THEN RETURNED TO CATHEDRAL, WHERE THEY DISPERSED PEACEFULLY. HOWEVER, FOUR STUDENT PARTICIPANTS WERE ARRESTED.

2. SAME DAY, CARDINAL STEPHEN KIM SU-HWAN CRITICIZED GOVERNMENT IN SPEECH TO "ECUMENCIAL MODERN MISSIONS COUNCIL" AT SEOUL YMCA. CARDINAL SAID THAT UNDER PRESENT SYSTEM OF ONE-MAN RULE HUMAN RIGHTS ARE VIOLATED AS NEVER BEFORE. HE CALLED FOR CONSTITUTIONAL REVISION TO RESTORE
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DONE, HE WARNED THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD FACE
A SERIOUS CRISIS. CARDINAL'S SPEECH AND COMMENTS
IN LIKE VEIN BY NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN
CHURCHES SECRETARY GENERAL KIM KWON-SOK WERE
CARRIED LIVE BY CHRISTIAN RADIO AND WIDELY REPORTED
IN PRESS.

3. COMMENT: THESE DEVELOPMENTS REFLECT CONTINUED
REJECTION BY CHRISTIAN LEADERS OF STEPS GOVERNMENT
HAS TAKEN THUS FAR TO MOLLIFY THEM.
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